

# Make a plan to VOTE.



When more Americans participate in elections, our communities are stronger, healthier, and more resilient. Voting is a form of personal empowerment that gives you the opportunity to express opinions on issues that matter to you, those important to you, and your community.

**STEP 1** **WHERE IS YOUR POLLING PLACE?**  
To find your polling location, it is best to visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html> to confirm.  
*If you go to the wrong polling place you cannot cast a ballot there, so double check your polling place is correct.*

**STEP 2** **WHEN DO THE POLLS OPEN/CLOSE?**  
To find your polling location hours of operation, it is best to visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html> to confirm.  
*Remember that if you are already in line by the time your polling place closes you are still able to vote.*

**STEP 3** **IS VOTING ACCESSIBLE TO YOU?**  
Voters with mobility issues or who cannot leave their vehicle, have the option of curbside voting. There are also ballot marking machines for voters with visual or dexterity issues. All voting material will be English only but a translator can join you in the voting booth. There are no age or relation requirements to be a translator.

**STEP 4** **DO YOU NEED TIME OFF WORK?**  
Many companies provide PTO for voting days that you can take. Make sure you check with your employer to see what policies are in place. If you are unable to get time off from work, consider voting with an absentee ballot by mail or in-person at satellite location. To find out if a these are an option, contact your county auditor.

**STEP 5** **ARE YOU USING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?**  
Requests for absentee ballots are open **August 30th**. Absentee ballot request forms are **due by October 24th at 5pm**. Absentee ballots must be received by your county auditor **by November 8th at 8pm**.

**STEP 6** **WHAT IS YOUR TRANSPORT METHOD?**  
If you do not have access to reliable transportation, consider your public transportation options. Plan your route and get bus departure times on Google Maps at <https://maps.google.com>. In addition, many nonprofits or companies are partnering to provide discounted or free rides to voters. Contact United Way 211 toll-free at **866-469-2211** for more information.

**STEP 1** **POLLING PLACE ADDRESS:**  
Polling Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STEP 2** **POLLING PLACE OPENING/CLOSING:**  
Polling Place Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STEP 3** **IS VOTING ACCESSIBLE TO YOU?**  
 YES  NO  
My accessibility plan: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STEP 4** **DO YOU NEED TIME OFF WORK?**  
 YES  NO

**STEP 5** **ARE YOU USING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?**  
 YES  NO

**STEP 6** **WHAT IS YOUR TRANSPORT METHOD?**  
 CAR  FRIEND  BUS/ OTHER  
My transport plan: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STEP 7 DO YOU NEED CHILDCARE?**

Children are allowed to accompany you to vote, and can enter the voting booth with you. Schools often have after-school programs that your children may be able to drop-in for. Check with your child’s school resource office to see if this is an option. Or consider asking a friend or family member to watch your children. You may also use curbside voting while your children are in the vehicle with you.

**STEP 8 ARE YOU REGISTERED?**

To register the day of you must have identification and proof of residence:

**Proof of ID**

- 1. Iowa non-operator ID
- 2. Out-of-state license
- 3. U.S. Passport
- 4. U.S. military or veteran ID
- 5. ID card issued by employer
- 6. Student ID issued by Iowa high school or college (must have an expiration date)
- 7. Tribal ID car/document

**Proof of Residence**

- 1. Residential Lease
- 2. Utility Bill (including cell phone bill)
- 3. Bank Statement
- 4. Paycheck
- 5. Government check or other government document
- 6. Property tax statement
- 7. Driver’s license with your current address

If you are not already registered to vote, you may register then vote on Election Day. To register, you must bring a form of identification and proof of residence.

**STEP 9 DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO?**

Some things that could invalidate your registration:

- 1. Did you move?
- 2. Did you change your name?
- 3. If voting in a primary election or caucus, did you switch political parties?

If you need to make changes to your registration you can do that at your polling place. Be sure to bring ID or proof of residence with the correct address or name change.

Or you can update your registration online at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/updatereg.html>

**STEP 10 MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN “B”.**

Create a Plan B in case you face unexpected challenges on Election Day. Most importantly consider what your backup transportation, childcare, translator options are.

**STEP 7 DO YOU NEED CHILDCARE?**

- YES
- NO

My childcare plan: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STEP 8 ARE YOU REGISTERED?**

- YES
- NO

Things to bring: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STEP 9 DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO?**

- YES
- NO

**STEP 10 MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN “B”**

My plan B: \_\_\_\_\_  
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